

Memo

To: Board Members
From: Aaron Byzak, Interim CEO
Date: May 7, 2025
Subject: Community Grants & Sponsorships Committee Minutes – **May 7, 2025**

The Committee met on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. Members of the public were able to participate by telephone, Zoom, or in-person at the Grossmont Healthcare District Conference Center, located at 9001 Wakarusa Street, La Mesa, California. In some cases, discussion of items may have taken place out of sequence during the meeting.

Attendees: Director Gloria Chadwick, Chair
Director Nadia Farjood, Member
Aaron Byzak, Interim Chief Executive Officer (via Zoom)
Amy Abrams, Chief Community Health Officer
Ryan Purdy, Sharp Grossmont Hospital

- A. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Director Chadwick at 1:10 p.m.
- B. Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as posted.
- C. Public Comment:** There was no public comment.
- D. Guest Presentations:** There were none.
- E. Reports/Discussion/Possible Action Items**

- 1. FY25-26 Scholarship Budget Amount

The Finance Committee recently recommended a \$345,000 scholarship budget, which included a 4.3% inflationary increase from last fiscal year. However, in order to properly value each individual scholarship, District staff is recommending a scholarship budget of \$349,500. Director Chadwick would like the Finance Committee to further review these numbers, which can be discussed during the May 22, 2025 FY25-26 Budget Workshop. Director Farjood agreed with the \$4,500 increase.

2. FY25-26 Grants & Sponsorships Policy Redline Changes

The Committee reviewed the redline changes that arose out of the April meeting and *recommended* the FY25-26 Grants & Sponsorships Policy go before the full Board for a vote. The eligibility of public agencies to apply for grants was discussed, and will be added on a future agenda. The potential to fund multiyear grants was also discussed and may be an option in future years.

3. Grant Rubric Scoring System Implementation

The Committee discussed the implementation and process of the upcoming grants and sponsorship season, which starts July 1, 2025 through August 31, 2025. It is intended to have staff review all applications received and sent to the Committee prior to mid-September, with the September Committee meeting being rescheduled to later in the month. Director Farjood to get back to staff with her September schedule.

The Committee would like to have the rubric scoring system made available for public viewing on the District website. At the end of May, once District staff has made all its grant and sponsorship updates, staff will notify the Committee so they may review.

4. Scholarship Rubric Scoring System

At the Committee's prior request, staff generated a list of suggested evaluation criteria for discussion. The Committee reviewed and discussed the various options for potential implementation and agreed with placing emphasis on the essays.

Each essay prompt can be better described on the application (i.e., changing "How does the Advanced Practice Clinician profession affect the advancement of healthcare delivery services and where do you see yourself and your profession in the next five years" to "Why are you Pursuing the Advanced Practice Clinician profession, where do you see yourself contributing to the profession in the next five years, and who would you like to serve.") It is to be noted on the application that no AI-generated essays will be accepted.

The remaining evaluation criteria about being located within District boundaries can just be chosen by the applicant via a list or dropdown menu.

It is the request of the Committee to place this evaluation criteria on the scholarship application matrix, as well.

The Committee would like to include language in the FY25-26 Scholarship Policy relative to former post-secondary scholarship winners not being eligible to reapply (for any scholarship).

CCHO Abrams will have revised versions of the post-secondary application forms provided during the next Committee meeting.

5. Grossmont Union High School District FY24-25 Grant Budget Realignment Request

Grossmont Union High School District is seeking a reallocation of its FY24-25 grant funds and due to a fast-approaching deadline, needs approval quickly. After discussion, the Committee determined that the reallocation does not change the original purpose of the grant and agreed to the realignment.

6. FY24-25 Monthly Grantee Reporting Index

One organization was late this month with its FY24-25 quarterly reporting; all others were received.

F. General Information/Communications

G. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: The next regularly scheduled meeting is on calendar for Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

H. Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.